

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues. I visited with the Speaker, Roland Luedtke, on this. One of the things that he suggested we do, and one of the things he indicated he would try and do, I don't know, Mr. Speaker, whether it might be a good idea to wait till we get some people in here and get some people out of the aisles. It's almost impossible to.... There is no sense in myself talking.... Help!

PRESIDENT: Could we have some order in the Chamber, please. Could we move the television interviews off of the floor please. Please remove all of the television interviews from the floor and under the balcony so we can continue with the legislative process. Alright, Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I'll wait till that is accomplished.

PRESIDENT: Well we don't have any hard and fast rules, but it is difficult to operate when televised interviews are taking place on the floor. Alright, proceed Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Chairman, I had visited with Senator Luedtke concerning a procedural thing that he had talked about which is to bracket bills together, or lump bills together so that we don't have repetitious debate and double time on a specific item. I felt that we had three or four very similar bills concerning litter and this particular subject matter, and that they should have been bracketed. Well Senator Luedtke indicated that the way to handle this, when we have bills in different committees, is to bracket on the floor, as we bring a bill out early and we possibly have other bills coming out the way to handle this is bracket it on the floor. That is what I'm proposing to do. I think Senator Luedtke had made every effort to try and do what he intended to do and accomplish the intent of getting similar subject matter before this body at the same time. There is always the possibility that some of these other bills may not come out of committee. I felt that to have an indefinite bracketing would be very unfair to the introducer, and could be used as an unscrupulous way to hold up legislation. That is why I put in the date of March 10th, which is not that far away. Certainly at that time we'll know whether bills have cleared committee or not cleared committee since we plan on having our committee hearings completed by March 7th or thereabouts. I would ask this body to, very seriously, consider bracketing LB 220 until these related bills with similar subject matter come across the board. Then we can discuss them all at the same time. We'll have a lot of the same testimony, or same discussion, or same debate on both sides of this particular method, or this particular piece of legislation with some fine points of difference. So I would hope we could do this once rather than duplicate this three or four times throughout the session. I would urge that we bracket LB 220 until the other litter bills come out of committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Of course, I oppose the motion to bracket LB 220. One of the first things you learn in this body is that the way to move legislation is to schedule the bills for hearing, get the bills on the board and get them across, and allow them to either be passed or defeated as this Legislature chooses.